

TABLE III—U.S. GRADE C OR U.S. STANDARD ALLOWANCES FOR DEFECTS—Continued

Total allowance		Limitations	
Mold. Dirt. Foreign material. Insect infestation. Decay.	Dirt. Foreign material. Insect infestation. Decay.	Foreign material. Insect infestation. Decay.	

<sup>1</sup> Except that each 1 percent of end cracks to, and including, 8 percent, by weight, shall be considered as ½ percent damaged by end cracks; and any additional end cracks shall be calculated as true percentage, by weight.

<sup>2</sup> Not applicable to “Whole Pitted” style.

TABLE IV—MOISTURE ALLOWANCES FOR DRIED PRUNES

[Non-hermetically sealed containers; 10 pounds or more]

Grades	Maximum moisture limits (percent)	
	Counts averaging 60 or less per pound	Counts averaging 61 or more per pound
U.S. Grade A or U.S. fancy .....	25	24
U.S. Grade B or U.S. choice .....	25	24
U.S. Grade C or U.S. standard .....	25	24
Substandard .....	25	24

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#### MOISTURE, UNIFORMITY OF SIZE, DEFECTS

##### § 52.3185 Moisture limits.

Dried prunes shall not exceed the moisture limits for the applicable grades and kind and size of packaging as designated in Table IV of this subpart except there is no moisture limit when safe and suitable preservatives have been added. “Moisture” means the percentage by weight of the finished dried prunes, exclusive of pits, that is moisture when determined by the Dried Fruit Moisture Tester Method or in accordance with methods that give equivalent results. The moisture limits in Table IV apply only to so-called “bulk packs” of dried prunes packaged in non-hermetically sealed containers holding 10 pounds or more of dried prunes when safe and suitable preservatives have not been added. Such containers include, but are not limited to, wood boxes or fiber boxes.

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##### § 52.3186 Definitions for uniformity of size.

(a) *Fairly uniform in size*. “Fairly uniform in size” means that in a sample of 100 ounces:

(1) For prunes that average 53 prunes or less per pound, the count per pound of 10 ounces of the smallest prunes does not vary from the count per pound of 10 ounces of the largest prunes by more than 25 points; or

(2) For prunes that average 54 prunes or more per pound, the count per pound of 10 ounces of the smallest prunes does not vary from the count per pound of 10 ounces of the largest prunes by more than 45 points.

##### § 52.3187 Definitions and explanations of defects.

Dried prunes damaged or affected by the following are scorable as defects:

(a) *Off-color*. “Off-color” means a skin color different from characteristic black, blue-black, reddish-purple, or other characteristic skin color for the type.

(b) *Poor texture*. “Poor texture” means porous, woody, or fibrous flesh or immature prunes or prunes possessing flesh interspersed with excessive air pockets in which the texture of the flesh is noticeably different from the flesh of mature prunes which have been properly dried, handled, and processed. “Excessive air pockets” means that the prunes are affected by air pockets to the extent that the appearance and eating quality is seriously affected.

(c) *End cracks*. “End cracks” means callous apex-end cracks which, singly or in the aggregate on a prune, are more than ¾ inch in length but not more than ½ inch in length.

(d) *Skin or flesh damage*. “Skin or flesh damage” in the case of “Whole Unpitted” style means: